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Rick Hopkins, Chief  
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Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation  
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**RE: FY09 CWA Section 319 Workplan Approval**

Dear Rick:

This letter is to confirm our approval of VTDEC's FY2009 319 workplan dated April 29, 2009. The workplan was developed in accordance with national 319 guidelines and targets the incremental portion of funds to projects or staff positions focused on restoring impaired waters and developing or implementing watershed-based plans.

During the past year, the state has continued to show success in completing its implementation projects and generating nonpoint source success stories for restored waters (i.e., South Bay of Lake Memphremagog). In addition, Vermont's Section 319 RFP effectively targets funds to priority watersheds where implementation projects have the best chance to lead to restoration. **Based on these accomplishments I have determined that the state has made Satisfactory Progress and is eligible for continued funding through Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.**

Please remember that it is critical that DEC input all 319 project information, including load reduction estimates, into the national GRTS database. As you are aware, EPA is pleased to be able to assist DEC with this work this year, through the services of a summer intern. However, it is unlikely that we will be able to offer this support in the future, so please make arrangements to ensure that DEC will be able to input this data in future years.

Thank you for providing us with this information on DEC's intended use of Section 319 funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Perkins".

Eric Perkins  
VT Nonpoint Source and Water Quality Coordinator  
Watershed and Nonpoint Source Branch

cc: S. Lowe, VTDEC  
P. Bryan, EPA